My dear Mr. Editor,

I cannot refrain from sending you a few lines - though it is long past mid night, and the 1st day of July has commenced — to assure you of my unabated respect, and to beseech you all to stand fast to the truth and the right, spite of the powerful opposition arrayed against you. I have sent a long letter to Mr. Armstrong, designed for the Inquirer, if he, & you, & Mr. James, approve of such a destination, and the new Editor (who is he?) will admit it. That letter I wish you much to see, and carefully peruse. — I should have reluctated at having my opposition about Dr. Parkman brought before the B. & F. U. A., ~~but~~ because I had rather say such things here, as I often have done

But I am not at all troubled by it, and know that I can make good my assertion. — My letter is very personal, to Dr. P., I am aware; but if I touched him at all, the case demanded pretty thorough work.

I send you, by this steamship, through Chapmans Brothers a small parcel of pamphlets, which we deem important & valuable; it also contains a little note for Miss Carpenter, from Mrs. M.M. Chapman.

I believe I have not before acknowledged your very interesting & welcome letter of May 18, written at Weston super Mare, which came without delay. I cannot properly notice its contents now.

You are right in thinking that H. Clapp Jr. is the poorest of all possible

advisers as to how money sh^d. be laid out
for F. Douglass. You will have learned before this,
that D. declines establishing a press and
paper here. He is convinced now it would not be
a good step. Our Massachusetts Society
have written to the English friends in support
of F.D.'s opinion. (I think he was convinced by
Garrison, Phillips, & Quincy that it would not
be a good move for him, or for us, or for the
cause) - the letter went by last Steamer,
and will be published doubtless; the
substance of it has appeared in the Liberator.

My new office keeps me very busy,
and, so far, has left me very little time
for correspondence. I shall hope to get
things methodized somewhat, soon.

Douglass has been very ill, with Scarlet
Fever, Cankered Throat, &c. He is now quite
smart again, and will soon be at work.
He is going to Western New York & Ohio in
August - great fields for A.S. labour.

I will try to write to you, more purpose

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by next Steamship. — Meanwhile, with respects to Miss Estlin, whose health I hope is benefitted by her stay at the sea-side, I remain

Most truly & gratefully Yours

Boston, July 1. 1847.

Sam'l May.